

LOWER SANPITCH RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
ANNUAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES, 1992

ATTENDING:

Lee Sim
Terry Monroe
Kirk Forbush
Lowell R. Anderson
Randy R. Larsen
Kim Larsen
Richard Christensen
Ned Madsen
Clyde Dorius
David Cox
Bert Chapman
Cecil Bown
Dwight Malmgren
Ben Kjar
Juel B. Rasmussen
David M. Larson
Roger Johnson
Doug Williams
A. Eugene Jensen
David W. Olsen
Jay Ivan Olsen

REPRESENTING:

Water Rights
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River Commissioner
self
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Price diversion
Drainage District
Gunnison-Fayette Canal
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The meeting was held on January 21, 1992, at 1:30 p.m. in Manti, Utah. Ben Kjar opened the meeting. Kirk Forbush read the minutes from the 1991 meeting. A motion was made by Fred Madsen and seconded by Richard Christensen to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried. Lee Sim read the financial statement. The 1991 budget expenditures were reviewed. The delinquent accounts were discussed. Juel Rasmussen made a motion to accept the financial report as read. Roger Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lowell Anderson gave his report. Lowell stated that he has had silt problems with most of the gauging stations the past year. Possible solutions for the silt problem were discussed. Lowell stated that the records indicate that the 1991 water year was about 60% greater than 1990. Lee Sim commented that the stream flow forecast for this water year is about the same as last years. Cecil Bown asked how Gunnison-Fayette Canal was assessed 1614 acre-feet of water when they did not receive any water. Lowell said that this was the amount of water that passed the old Field gauging station during the winter months. Eugene Jensen commented that this is river water not Gunnison-Fayette water. Lowell recognized this and said that the water never reached Gunnison-Fayette's diversion. Lowell said that he would modify his record keeping to show this water as river water instead of Gunnison-Fayette water. A motion was made by Dwight Malmgren and seconded by Ned Madsen to accept the commissioner report. Motion carried.

Ben Kjar discussed the State Engineer's position in regard to the distribution between the Upper and Lower Sanpitch river users. He stated that the State Engineer's position is to continue to distribute the water in the Sanpitch River

with an Upper and Lower system. Ben stated that he felt that the commissioner and other expenses were not justified if the Lower River users do not receive any summer water from the river. Lee Sim outlined the State Engineer's position and what was done to arrive at the decision that the Sanpitch River be distributed as two separate systems. Ben Kjar felt that this position is contrary to the priorities outlined in the Cox Decree. Roger Johnson discussed research that he has done in relation to the distribution of the water as two separate systems versus distribution based upon priorities for the whole river. Lee Sim stated that the State Engineer needs a formal request from the water users before he can make an adjudication decision. Fred Madsen questioned the expanded acreage on the upper end of the river. Kirk Forbush stated that his office is keeping a handle on the new acreage by requiring change applications outlining acreage that is to be abandoned. Roger Johnson made a motion and Kim Larsen seconded that the water users association approve further action, either through the State Engineers' office or through legal actions, to continue to attempt to get the waters of the Sanpitch River system distributed as one system based upon priorities. Motion carried.

Lee Sim then reviewed the proposed budget for 1992. He stated that the commissioners salary needs to be increased to \$7200.00 to keep him on the state retirement rolls. Ben Kjar stated that the budget needs to be kept at a minimum and proposed that the equipment expense be reduced by \$4000.00 and that contractual services be deleted from the budget. The total budget for 1992 was set at \$11,200.00. David Cox made a motion to use the reserve money to cover the budget. Roger Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Eugene Jensen moved and Ben ~~Johnson~~ ^{Kjar} seconded the motion to accept the budget as outlined. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by David Cox and seconded by Kim Larsen to nominate Lowell Anderson as River Commissioner for 1992. Motion carried.

Ben Kjar opened nominations for new directors. Motions we made to appoint Bert Chapman as Chairman, Eugene Jensen as Vice Chairman, Juel Rasmussen as 1st Chairman and Doug Welden as 2nd chairman. The motions carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.